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Letter dated 3 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to forward for your kind attention the text of a letter from President Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Chairman of the African Union Commission, in response to their joint letter regarding the proposed package of United Nations support to AMIS (S/2006/779, annex).

I would highly appreciate it if you could kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council

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Annex to the letter dated 3 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Thank you for your joint letter with the President of the African Union Commission dated 22 September 2006, and its enclosure describing the package of the United Nations immediate support to the African Union Mission in the Sudan (AMIS) for the next three months, up to the end of December 2006, in order to enable AMIS to perform the tasks and functions assigned to it under the Darfur Peace Accord (DPA).

It has been our conviction that the support of the United Nations and the international community to AMIS is a necessity, not only for the purpose of carrying out the functions assigned to AMIS under the DPA, but also for the purposes of moral support to the African Union in order to address with confidence similar future conflicts on the African continent.

As I welcome your initiative and the logistical support by the United Nations to AMIS, as detailed in the enclosure to your letter, I wish to inform Your Excellency that we are currently also engaged in taking a number of immediate actions aiming at augmenting the DPA and ensuring its effective implementation. The actions we have so far taken included the issuance of four Presidential Decrees relating to the establishment of the structures of the Darfur Interim Local Authority, the War Victims Reparations Commission, the Rehabilitation and Settlement Commission and the Darfur Northern Borders Demarcation Commission. Generally, we have effectively commenced implementation of the Plan previously notified to Your Excellency under which framework we also aspire for United Nations support in the humanitarian and developmental spheres, especially the provision of food and vital services. We are also embarked on coordinating efforts to convene the Darfur dialogue conference, as envisaged in the DPA.

Along with the foregoing actions, the Government of National Unity in the Republic of the Sudan is exerting sincere efforts in order to secure the enjoinment of other rebel factions in Darfur which have not yet become parties to the DPA. We reserved for them the share and the right to participate in the Darfur interim government structures.

It is equally important, and on equal footing with the actions we are undertaking within our domestic front that the United Nations, the African Union and the international community continue to lend their support and exert additional efforts towards encouraging all factions to join the DPA, and that all concerned parties must refrain from any action that may negatively undermine the efforts of the Government of National Unity towards the establishment of sustainable peace, development and stability in Darfur.

We are confident that cooperation, consultation, transparency and exchange of information between the United Nations, the African Union and the Government of National Unity in the Sudan will only yield positive progress on the ground from the perspective of alleviating the suffering of our citizens in Darfur, and will accelerate the ultimate resolution of the conflict and sustain peace, Insha Allah. We hope such a spirit will continue until all parties concerned accomplish the tasks awaiting them under the relevant provisions of the Darfur Peace Accord.

We look forward to more mutual understanding between us, the United Nations and the African Union on the frameworks and structures of mutual cooperation and on the need to remedy past negative actions relating to the handling of the situation in Darfur. We shall seek guidance in the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter and the provisions of the Constitutive Act of the African Union. We look forward to the kind of support from the United Nations, the African Union and the international community that would renew and strengthen confidence in the abilities and functionality of the Government of National Unity in the Sudan in order to perform its duties towards its citizens in accordance with the interim Constitution and the applicable laws in the Republic of the Sudan.

Therefore, the recent support presented by the United Nations to AMIS as prescribed in the enclosure to your letter receives my personal support. For the implementation of the said package we need to set a protocol which will reflect the details of the process.

(*Signed*) Omar Hassan Ahmed **Al-Bashir**
President of the Republic of the Sudan